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Applicant's response is not compliant with 37 CFR 1.143 since the applicant has failed to elect an invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143). The examiner notes that a Species was elected and the claims canceled and new claims presented. However, contrary to the applicant's traverse, the new claims do not obviate the invention restriction requirement. Note that new claims 21-27 are still drawn to a product and claim 28 is still drawn to a method of using a product. Furthermore, the product claimed can still be used in a materially different process such as a process of pivotally attaching, detaching and reattaching a first implement repeatedly (i.e. rather than attaching a second implement different from the first implement).

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